Nelson E. Fairweather

LITTLETON — Nelson E. Fairweather Jr. was born the year that the Gillette Safety Razor Co. was established. In 1968, Fairweather retired from Gillette, the first man in company history to compile 50 years service.

Wednesday, June 9th, three years after his retirement, Fairweather died while vacationing at his winter home in Hialeah, Fla. He was stricken ill three months ago while vacationing in Florida.

Fairweather was employed as a tool and die maker and at his retirement he was a machine supervisor at Gillette's South Boston-Dorchester plant. He began his career in 1918.

He was born in Medford in 1903, lived in Somerville for many years, but for the past 15 years he lived in Littleton at 46 Matawanakee Trail.

At his retirement party in the American Legion Post in South Boston, Fairweather was honored by 300 friends and fellow employees. The company he worked for, also gave him 50 shares of their stock.

Fairweather was not the only family member connected with the Gillette Company. His father, Nelson Fairweather, Sr., went to work with King C. Gillette in 1901 as a special designer. The elder Fairweather held over 20 patents for the development of the original Gilette razor blade and razor manufacturing equipment.

He leaves his widow, Julia (Spring) Fairweather; his sons, Eugene of Woburn, Wayne of Littleton, and Ronald of Billerica; his daughters, Mrs. Robert (Dorothy) Stone and Mrs. Ralph (Shirley) Weber, both of California; also five brothers, Edgar of Peabody, Roy and Robert of Maine, Clayton of California, and Willis of Gardner; six sisters, Mrs. Ruth Howard and Mrs. Mabel Owens, both of California; Alice Cain of Florida, Mrs. Hazel Peters of Lowell, Mrs. Grace Lyko of Connecticut and Gladys McDonough of California. He also leaves 26 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services were held at St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Ayer on Sunday at 2 p.m. with Reverend Donn Brown officiating. Bearers were Eugene N., Wayne H., Ronald K., Edgar, Roy F., Willis E., William, and Alan Fairweather. Interment was in Westlawn Cemetery, Littleton.